ALIEN INVASION

PART THREE

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IRIS WILDTYME wakes up early , the sun catching m oon beams through a bay window and pads into the bathroom for ablutions, then dons the costume of a middle aged spinster before leaving her habitat on the shores of LOCH LOMOND and walks into the village , and past a red telephone box adjacent to a stone fence surrounding a baptist church with a thatched roof then up a garden path of THE LODGE and rings a bell next to the ivy covered lime green laminated door .

MAJOR COWLEY is in the conservatory at the back of the LODGE .

Major Cowley WILLY **[green dungerees and multicoloured tank top]** the door please, you can do the garden later .

WILLY p uts down his garden trowl and gets up from the flower bed of **tulips** and **pansies** saying **[oh me poor knees]** and walks through the patio door and along past china ducks affixed to blood red enamel painted walls adorned with prints of

variety artists from the LYCEUM THEATRE to a **fluorescent green** enameled front door ,where stands IRIS WILDTHYME .

IRIS WILDTHYME Ah major I hear you're taking the HIGHLAND FLING over the lake , and I thought I'd tag along with SAM PARKHILL.

MAJOR COWLEY You're reporter friend, what's wrong IRIS you seen a ghost.?

IRIS WILDTHYME MAJOR COWLEY, I

was on a midnight vigil last night and I saw a meteor strike the lake creating a tidal wave that hit the castle .

WILLY[**green dungerees and multicoloured tank top]** SAM PARKHILL from the local herald .

MAJOR COWLEY Come on in Sam, WILLY get the best china out.

SAM PARKHILL Take us over to investigate MAJOR .

IRIS WILDTHYME I've never seen anything like this phenomenon .

SAM PARKHILL And I'll report it for the PARANORMAL TIMES.

They leave the vicarage and walk through the village and down to the harbor where an old wooden boat is waiting and they clamber onboard the **HIGHLAND FLING tm ,** WILLY **[green dungerees and multicoloured tank top]** taking the big wheel and COWLEY starting the engine and helping IRIS into the gally, with oak panels ,and fitted units .

MAJOR COWLEY All aboard the **HIGHLAND FLING tm** , we'll be at the castle in 30 MINS and I'll leave you to take some customers for **CAMELEON TOURS tm** to **NORWAY** .

IRIS Macrea's got you ferrying people for those holidays .

MAJOR COWLEY I'll be taking two people to **NORWAY.**

WILLY **[green dungerees and multicoloured tank top]** Yes, it's gonna be a busy day.

Sam Parkhill After I've finished my investigation ;i have to go over to the west side of the lake for the **highland games TM .**

IRIS Yes the residence committee

have finally given in and allowed the games to start this season . The **HIGHLAND FLING tm** speeds across the lake to where a new fleet of medium sized boats are bobby against the harbourside opposite the castle .

T he **HIGHLAND FLING tm** berths at the harbor side and as the trio disembark the boat MAJOR COWLEY gets his travel warrant from HOPKINS.

HOPKINS Hello MAJOR COWLEY, Simon said you were coming for the **NORWAY PARTY** .

MAJOR CAWLEY Are my passengers ready, it's a long voyage for the **HIGHLAND FLING tm** over the north sea and back again,

SAM PARKHILL Yes Major you set sail to catch the morning tide and we'll go up and investigate this meteor strike that amazed IRIS .

WILLY **[green dungerees and multicoloured tank top]** **i'LL start pre-flight c h ecks before we cast off major .**

Sam and IRIS walk up the path and over the moat into the courtyard through the main doors .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW and MICHAEL SULIVAN are in the security hut near the main door as the rest of the motley crew wait for their clients for **CAMELEON TOURS tm** .

JUNIORS in yellow overalls are bringing packages from THE SANCTUM . They pass reception and out of the main door into the courtyard ,just as The TRAFALGAR GANG lead customers to the fleet of ships .
Their supervisor HOPKINS is welcoming the ship captains, issuing travel warrants and assigning seats on boats.
JUNIOR 345 I can go for a walk when we're finished here . HOPKINS I told you MATTHEW it's BERTRAND, we're not at the factory now .
Clients for **CHAMELEON TOURS** tm board their boats to take them to their holiday destination.
MICHAEL SULIVAN I wonder what happened to MISS GOODBODY, we arranged to meet here.
ANN FITZGERALD Didn't you help her up this morning, you better go down to the SANCTUM and get her up.
MICHAEL walks past the welsh dresser and pulls the curtains aside to reveal the stone steps to the dungeons saying [back with my client]
IRIS WILDTHYME Ah you young man is the laird of the manor home .
DAVID MANNING T he MACREAS are away at the moment.
SAM PARKHILL We are here to investigate an unexplained phenomenon that IRIS observed last night , coming from the castle .
DAVID MANNING oH KNOW WE'RE GONNA DIE.
FIONA PLUMPTON How we gonna smell our putrifying corpses if we're dead ?
WILLY **[green dungerees and multicoloured tank top**

Only figuratively young lady .
ANN FITZGERALD I'm not ready for my shaul and rocking chair yet WILLY .
FIONA PLUMPTON You saw that meteor strike in the lock, we were up in the east wing and a meteor fell into the lake and wave crashed into the battlements .
LORA DENHAM And a wave hit the castle wall like nothing i've seen before .
PETER ELGIN steps down a FLEUR DE LIS shag pile carpet with FIONA PLUMPTON and BASIL.
IRIS WILDTHYME Ah BASIL did you see the meteor strike last night.
BASIL No but a couple of plates fell off a WELSH DRESSER affixed to the wall outside my bedroom , when the kids we're up in the east battlements ,I'll show you to the reception room, where very busy today.
SAM PARKHILL If I could take statements from you kids, then i'll have to leave as the highland games are starting in the west side of the lock .
They walk back to reception where juniors are carrying luggage through and over the moat and MICHAEL comes up from the dungeons followed by MISS GOODBODY.
MICHAEL SULLIVAN Ah Peter MISS GOODBODY has decided to postpone her holiday to the virgin isles as she isn't feeling well .
PETER ELGIN Fine I 'll have miss PLUMPTON drive you to EDINBURGH , BASIL is N EAL up I have to give him my final instructions .
BASIL Mr Wochak has not come down this morning .
ELGIN That's very odd, I told him to be up early, do excuse me .
He jogs up the main stairs , past a coat of arms below a

large leaded window onto the first floor landing and around the oak bannisters to the west wing bedrooms along an oak paneled hall adorned with display cases of sports trophies to a guest room and knocks on the white laminated door .

ELGIN Come on NEAL you'll miss your flight.

WOCHAK Sorry PETER I was disturbed by a tidal wave .

ELGIN SUNAMI MAN .

WOSHAK That hit the castle wall .

The door opens and a large suitcase is deposited outside followed by NEAL in a business suit. He follows Peter along past the leaded window and coat of arms and down the main stairs .

ELGIN If you could give a brief description to SAM PARKHILL in the LIBRARY he's from the PARANORMAL TIMES, seems others observed a meteor strike.

FIONA PLUMPTON Then i'll drive you to EDINBOROUGH with MISS GOODBODY here. I'll wait in the car, it won't be long .

In the court Fiona is lifting a large box into the boot of her yellow porsche .

MISS GOODBODY Be careful with that .

MACREA See you NEAL report back and send the minutes of the board meeting .

The yellow porsche drives over the drawbridge and takes the meandering road through the valley towards EDINBOROUGH .

MACREA walks back over the moat and intro the courtyard as the last of the clients for CAMELION TOUR are leaving over the moat and down a loose grave l path to the harbourside .

HOPKINS comes in saying [can I order the coach to take my team back to **WINKYS CAKE AND CONFECTION FACTORY** tm]

MACREA yes BERTRAND.

JUNIOR 345 comes up from the dungeons saying [i've been bringing equipment from the SANCTUM and i've found a human body in the moat that surrounds the castle fed from a highland stream and trickles into LOCK LOMOND .

JUNIOR 345 Honestly HOPKINS ,there's a trail leading from the elevator to the back door and the body is floating

HOPKINS I've told you MATTHEW we're not at the factory now you can call me by my given name .

MATTHEW Yes BERTRUND, as i was saying,there's a dead body lying in the moat near the highland stream .

STRINGFELLOW Are you sure, I belive we started using shop dummies to display his torture equipment when he opened the castle to the public.

MACREA That's what it will be ey BASIL. Show me MATTHEW .

H e follows MATTHEW past a welsh dresser and through a maroon velvet curtain then down sandstone steps to the dungeons and over a cobbled floor to the IRON MAIDEN , then presses for a travel tube that deposits them in a swiss bank account. T hey step into the centre of the SANCTUM below the skylight showing the lock from the bottom of the ocean .

MACREA I'll just get my dear stalker my plus fours and my riding boots on .

MATTHEW There's a changing room by the lift .

MACREA Y ou'll see footprints leading to the travel tube .
MATTHEW A nd they go all the way to the back door so I opened the back door and just by the river inlet there's a body floating.
McCrea walks over to an INTERCOM and presses for the security office where BASIL is eating cucumber sandwiches .
MACREA C an you meet me by the back door.
BASIL Well I'll finish my cucumber sandwiches and get a fishing hook for you sir .
M ACREA slams down the receiver of the intercom and walks back to the travel tube with Matthew ,walk into a perspex tube that takes them 2 miles through the rock strata and they walk out an iron maiden and over the cobble floor up a flight of sandstone steps ,w here he retrieves his powerful binoculars from a green bays collapsible fold-up table and unlocks the back door .
MACREA You're right Matthew there's a body there unless we can fish it out we won't be able to identify it .
MATTHEW Do you think someone was swimming and they drowned ?
MACREA I n the middle of the night it's not likely is it .
MATTHEW Do you think someone committed suicide .
MACREA no Matthew not any of my clients about to have the holiday the lifetime .
Up in reception THE TRAFALGAR GANG enter as BASIL opens a broom cupboard and retrieves a fishing rod.

STRINGFELLOW ` What's up basil .
BASIL F ound a dead body in the moat and wants me to fish it out, go and check that all the boats have left and assemble in the main hall .
STRINGFELLOW i better go and see if i can help PETER
BASIL And get all the juniors assembled before the police arrive .
MACREA and MATTHEW walk out onto a ledge just below the waterline as BASIL comes out in a charcoal grey three-piece suit carrying a fishing rod .
BASIL Luckily Duncan I fished in these waters before .
B ASIL casts off and hooks a line on the body and reel s it in, just as two juniors bring a tarpaulin with fishing waiders and hoist the body onto the ledge wrap it and carry it onto a medical table from the SANCTUM .
MATTHEW Poor young girl , can you identify her.
STRINGFELLOW joggs up the FLEUR DE LIS shag pile carpet and around the oak bannisters to where PETER ELGIN and FIONA PLUMPTON are having POP TARTS served on silver tray from the dumb waiter .
PETER ELGIN Are all the clients for CHAMELEON TOURS a ccounted for .
STRINGFELLOW Everyone of them has been checked out. by BERNARD HOPKINS and his crew .
PETER ELGIN Then who is that lying face down in the moat .
STRINGFELLOW I don't know, but there was strange activity last night with a shooting star and a tidal wave hit the castle .
They reach the main hall where SAM PARKHILL is

interviewing the rest of the party .
SAM PARKHILL Has the body been identified yet ?
PETER ELGIN It's female but very disfigured and the water hasn't helped, you don't have to stay SAM as you just arrived this morning .
WILDTYME We'll stay until the police arrive, as they'll only start talking in the village and you'll need me to keep the residence committee off your back .
ANN FITZGERALD walks out of the security office and over the black and white tiled entrance into the oak paneled banquetting hall .
ANN FITZGERALD UNCLE MACREA say's there's a CAPTAIN CHAMBERS from MILITARY INTELLIGENCE and your to tell the police whatever they want to know .
ELGIN Fine i'll get hold of FIONA PLUMPTON and tell her to get back here after she's dropped off NEAL at the airport .
IRIS WILDTYME Do you think there is a murderer in our midst PETER
PETER ELGIN I'll go and check on MACREA .
He walks past black velvet drapes and trotts down sandstone steps to the back as the body is carried in and laid on the floor . The body has loose fitting clothing and looks gaunt and emaciated .
MICHAEL SULIVAN It's miss Goodbody, i recognise the dress she was wearing from last night .
TIM CURRY It can't be we saw her drive away with Fiona .
LORA DENHAM She compl ai ned that she was I'll with influenza and had to get home .

MICHAEL SULIVAN Yes I did her induction last week and she was raring to go .
MACREA Stay here and I'll greet the military when they arrive.
SAM PARKHILL Let's go IRIS, i have to be at the HIGHLAND GAMES for the opening ceremony,let me know what happened Duncan .
WILDTHYME Good luck boys .
T hey w a lk up the sandstone steps and part the black velvet drapes into the main hall where MAJOR COWLEY is waiting near the double doors, next to a display case containing a ROYAL BLUE WIDGEWOOD VASE, with white enamel finish .
MAJOR COWLEY And it seams my voyage to NORWAY has been postponed so I'll come with you .
STRINGFELLOW Then I 'll tell MAREA that the castle is secure for when CAPTAIN CHAMBERS arrives and his team arrive and start there investigating .
COWLEY, PARKHILL ,and WILDTHYME cross the drawbridge then walk down a loose gravel path to the lakeside and clamber onto the deck of the HIGHLAND FLING .
IRIS WILDTYME GOODNESS ME WHAT'S THAT?
They see a green fluorescent sphere glide on the surface of the water from the stream around the moat into the lock and plunge under the surface of the water .
SAM PARKHILL GREAT JUMPING BALLS OF ST ELMOS FIRE .
IRIS WILDTHYME It looks like the same fluorescent green sphere i saw after the wave hit the castle last night .
SAM PARKHILL In all my years of paranormal

investigations I've never seen a phenomenon like that green sphere .
WILLY[**green dungerees and multicoloured tank top]**
We better sail over to the HIGHLAND GAMES now major .
SAM PARKHILL Must get there for the opening ceremony, can you do the honours Major .
The HIGHLAND FLING sails away from MACREA CASTLE while back on the first floor MACEA is having a conferance call while MARGERET transfers a fruit salad from the dumb waiter to her trolly and pushes it to the oblong glass table, seting the tray down in front of MARLAINER .The INTERCOM buzzes from security office .
BASIL I've stopped everyone from going downstairs .
ANN FITZGERALD All the remaining guests are assembled in the main hall .
MARLAINER Just to think one of the guests thoughts the body we found was one of the shop dummies I got from that closed down department store , before we fished it out the lake.
MACREA Before we develop wild theories I'll just go and get my dear stalker my plus four is and my boots on
DAVID MANNING If she was murdered then everyone 's a suspect .
LORA DENHAM Mos of our guests are on there way to there holiday destination .
STRINGFELLOW The rest are assembled in the main hall .
MACREA Tell them we've got a crisis on give them a cup of tea try and start taking statements .

STANLEY RATCHET T he sugar cube is on a piece of string by the counter .

DAVID GARDENER T ell them to dunk it in twice and hang it up for the next Man .

MACREA And that they'll be free to go when they've given a statement .
STRINGFELLOW goes into the main hall with Basil and Bertrand Hopkins and starts interrogating the guests .while MACREA goes back to the office and phones Fiona Plumpton .
At EDINBURGH AIRPORT, FIONA PLUMPTON stops outside terminal one and NEAL WOCHAK clambers out of the front passenger seat of her PORCHE .
WOSHAK Tell PETER he can rely on me to keep GLOBAL CHEMICALS running smoothly .
FIONA gets a call from MACREA .
MACREA W e've found a dead body in the moat surrounding the castle recognisable as MRS GOODBODY.
FIONA PLUMPTON Well it can't be her ,I've just left her at EDINBURGH train station and she's on her way back to LONDON . S he seemed a bit vague , didn't say a word other than she's on her way back to London to recuperate .
MACEA Get back here and make a statement because I've called in ZEBRA SQUAD, a branch of the military to investigate the strange unexplained phenomenon and the death .